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## **1.00.00 POLICY OF THE AGENCY**

The Board will process applications for outfitted turkey and waterfowl hunting on a case by case basis utilizing the policy and procedures provided below.

## **2.00.00 ANALYSIS**

State law provides that the Outfitter and Guide Licensing Board possesses the authority and obligation to consider and license outfitters who submit an application to hunt not only animals but birds in the state of Idaho, when said application meets the requirements of state law and the Board's rules. These policies are intended to assist the Board in assessing license applications for the outfitting of waterfowl and/or turkeys while balancing the various issues and concerns of participants involved in these activities.

## **3.00.00 PROCEDURE**

### **01. Lands and Waters for Outfitted Turkey and Waterfowl Hunting –**

**a.** Outfitted turkey or waterfowl hunting on “public” lands or waters will not be initiated by the Board.

i. IC – 36-2107 requires the Board to cooperate with state and federal agencies, and the Board has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place with Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service that provides for cooperation in all matters related to state outfitter licensing and federal outfitter permitting processes. Therefore, the Board will only consider licensing outfitters on federally managed lands or waters once the appropriate federal agency, using standard processes required of them and as defined in the MOU maintained with the Board, determines that outfitted turkey and waterfowl hunting is appropriate and acceptable use within that agency's jurisdiction.

ii. Additionally, the Board will only consider licensing outfitters on state managed lands or waters once the appropriate state agency makes similar determinations.

**b.** Outfitted turkey or waterfowl hunting on “private” lands or waters will be accepted by the Board on a case by case basis.

### **02. Outfitted Waterfowl Hunting**

**a. Non Outfitted Areas for Waterfowl Hunting** – Certain areas of the state are deemed not suitable for outfitted waterfowl hunting. Factors in the determination of these areas shall include biological factors, such as the location of wildlife or their proximity to riparian areas, and resource management concerns, such as hunting pressure or changes in public access, the impact of shooting over public waterways, congestion due to residential and commercial development or other factors set forth in law or rule.

i. The following list of areas have been identified by the Board where outfitted/guided waterfowl hunting would not be provided:

<b>AREA</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Snake River	The Snake River, associated reservoirs within the mean high water mark from Lewiston up river to its confluence with the Salmon River and from the Railroad Bridge near Steck Park Sportsman Access in Washington County up river to the confluence of the Henry's Fork and South Fork near Rigby.
Boise River	The river and adjoining riparian areas within the mean high water mark from Arrow Rock Dam in Boise County down river to its confluence with the Snake River near Parma in Canyon County.

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Weiser River	The river and adjoining riparian areas within the mean high water mark downstream from its confluence with Mann Creek
Payette River	The river and adjoining riparian areas within the mean high water mark from Black Canyon Dam in Boise County downstream to its confluence with the Snake River near Payette in Payette County-
Cascade Reservoir	In Valley County, within the mean high water mark of the reservoir.
Bear Lake	Within the mean high water mark of the lake.
Kootenai River	The river and adjoining riparian areas within the mean high water mark.
Clearwater River	The river, its tributaries and adjoining riparian areas within the mean high water mark.
Coeur d' Alene River	The river and adjoining riparian areas within the mean high water mark downstream from Cataldo.
St. Joe River	The river and adjoining riparian areas within the mean high water mark downstream from St. Maries.
Pend Oreille River	The river, associated reservoirs and adjoining riparian areas within the mean high water mark.
Clark Fork	The river and adjoining riparian areas within the mean high water mark.
Lake Pend Oreille	Within the mean high water mark of the lake.
Lake Coeur d' Alene	Within the mean high water mark of the lake.

ii. Areas will be reviewed for inclusion and exclusion on this list as needed by the Board with input from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Non outfitted areas shall be identified by a clear area description, and shall be determined and maintained by the Board with input from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

**b. Outfitted Areas for Outfitted Waterfowl Hunting** - Any area not specified in section 02.a. shall be available for outfitting and guiding as follows:

i. Total outfitted client days of all licensed waterfowl outfitters should be limited to three percent (3%) of the five year moving average of the larger of the estimated number of goose or duck hunter days in each IDFG region, provided to the Board by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). No single outfitter should receive more than twenty percent (20%) of the total (3%) outfitter hunter days available in each IDFG region with their initial license. After their first year of operation and by establishing use, an outfitter may request additional hunter days by submitting a major amendment. The total number of outfitters sharing the 3% outfitter hunter days available in each IDFG region may be modified by the Board with input from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The total opportunity should never exceed the 3% average.

ii. A minimum of one hundred (100) acres of contiguous land should be required to license outfitters to hunt waterfowl.

iii. Appropriate buffer distances should be established between outfitters by the Board with input from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

iv. Appropriate shooting/buffer distances should be established between an outfitter's licensed area(s) and other public or private lands or waters by the Board with input from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

v. The Board may set other limits or restrictions based upon the facts and circumstances of the application.

vi. Use shall be measured annually by the Board. Outfitters shall provide use reports annually as required by rule.

**c. Existing Outfitters Licensed To Hunt Waterfowl** - Existing outfitters licensed to hunt waterfowl prior to the effective date of this policy may be given priority to fill limited license opportunities in their respective regions subject to the policy consideration as identified in section b.

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i. Should one of these existing outfitters' business assets be sold, any new license issued for outfitted waterfowl will be considered under the terms of this policy and the Board's laws or rules in place at the time of their license application.

### **03. Outfitted Turkey Hunting.**

**a. Non Outfitted Areas for Turkey Hunting** - Certain areas of the state are deemed not suitable for outfitted turkey hunting. Factors in the determination of these areas shall include biological factors, such as the location of wildlife or their proximity to riparian areas, and resource management concerns, such as hunting pressure or changes in public access, congestion or other factors set forth in existing policy or rule. Areas will be reviewed for inclusion and exclusion on this list as needed by the Board with input from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

i. As the areas are identified, a list will be developed and maintained by the Board. Non outfitted areas shall be identified by a clear area description, and shall be determined and maintained by the Board with input from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

**b. Outfitted Areas for Outfitted Turkey Hunting.** - Any area not specified in section 02. a shall be available for outfitting and guiding as follows:

i. Total outfitted clients of all licensed outfitters should be limited to three percent (3%) of the licensed turkey hunters in a given IDFG region over a five year moving average, using data provided by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). No single outfitter should receive more than twenty percent (20%) of the (3%) hunter total available in each IDFG region with their initial application for licensure. After their first year of operation and by establishing use, an outfitter may request additional hunter opportunities by submitting a major amendment. The total number of outfitters sharing the 3% outfitted hunters available in each IDFG region may be modified by the Board with input from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The total opportunity should not exceed the 3% average.

ii. A minimum of one hundred sixty (160) acres of contiguous land should be required to license outfitters to hunt turkey.

iii. Appropriate buffer distances should be established between outfitters by the Board with input from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

iv. Appropriate shooting/buffer distances should be established between an outfitter's licensed area(s) and other public or private lands or waters by the Board with input from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

v. The Board may set other limits or restrictions based upon the facts and circumstances of the application.

vi. Use shall be measured annually by the Board. Outfitters must provide use reports annually as required by rule.

**c. Existing Outfitters Licensed To Hunt Turkey** - Existing outfitters licensed to hunt turkey prior to the effective date of this policy may be given priority to fill limited license opportunities in their respective regions subject to the policy considerations as identified in section b.

i. Should one of these existing outfitters' business assets be sold, any new license issued for outfitted turkey will be considered under the terms of this policy and any laws or rules in place at the time of their license application.